

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

BLAKE WHITAKER (2)

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CASE NUMBER 6:22-CR-00135-JDK

**ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S FINDINGS
OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON GUILTY PLEA**


The Court referred this matter to the Honorable K. Nicole Mitchell, United States Magistrate Judge, for administration of a guilty plea under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. The Magistrate Judge conducted a hearing in the form and manner prescribed by Rule 11 and issued Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea. The Magistrate Judge Recommended that the Court accept Defendant's guilty plea and adjudge Defendant guilty on Count One of the Information.

The parties have not objected to the Magistrate Judge's findings.

The Court hereby **ADOPTS** the Findings of Fact and Recommendation on Guilty Plea of the United States Magistrate Judge. The Court also accepts Defendant's plea but defers acceptance of the plea agreement until after review of the presentence report.

In accordance with Defendant's guilty plea, the Court finds Defendant Blake Whitaker **GUILTY** of Count One of the Information, charging a violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 1001 – False Statement or Representation Made to a Department or Agency of the United States.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this **2nd** day of **October, 2024**.



JEREMY D. KERNODLE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE